from 1-1-1986 as a result of "Assam Accord".

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Capacity of Silghat Jute Mill

996. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the capacity of Silghat Jute Mill;

(b) what is the number of employees in the Mill category-wise;

(c) whether it is incurring loss; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures Government have taken in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) The installed capacity of M/s. Silghat Co-operative Jute Mills Ltd is about 7,000 M. Tonnes per annum on 300 days working basis.

(b) The number of employees in the Mill, category-wise, are as under :—

(i) Supervisory staff	..	22
(ii) Office staff	..	48
(iii) Workers	..	845
TOTAL :		915

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise

Shortage of Cotton

997 SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY . Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of cotton in the country at present;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor, and

(c) whether Government propose to import cotton and viscose staple fibre to meet the shortage, and if so, what is the quantum of foreign exchange reserved for this purpose ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Credit Deposit Rates in West Bengal

998 SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that credit-deposit ratio in West Bengal is only 46 9 per cent as against the all India average of 61.4 per cent; and

(b) if so, whether any specific step has been taken to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The credit deposit ratio of public sector banks as at the end of December, 1986 was 46.9 per cent in West Bengal as against 61.4 per cent for the country as a whole.

(b) With a view to improving the flow of credit in West Bengal, the Reserve Bank of India had discussions with State Authorities who were advised to prepare bankable schemes and also to take effective measures for the improvement of C : D Ratio in the State The banks were also advised that while preparing District Credit Plans and Annual Action Plans, their endeavour should be to increase the flow of bank credit by formulating new bankable schemes particularly for agricultural, small scale industry and cottage industry sectors. The matter is being monitored by the Reserve Bank of India Regional Consultative Committee, State Level Bankers Committee and State Government.

National Deposit Scheme

999. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Deposit Scheme as suggested during the Budget speech of the current year has since been launched; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?